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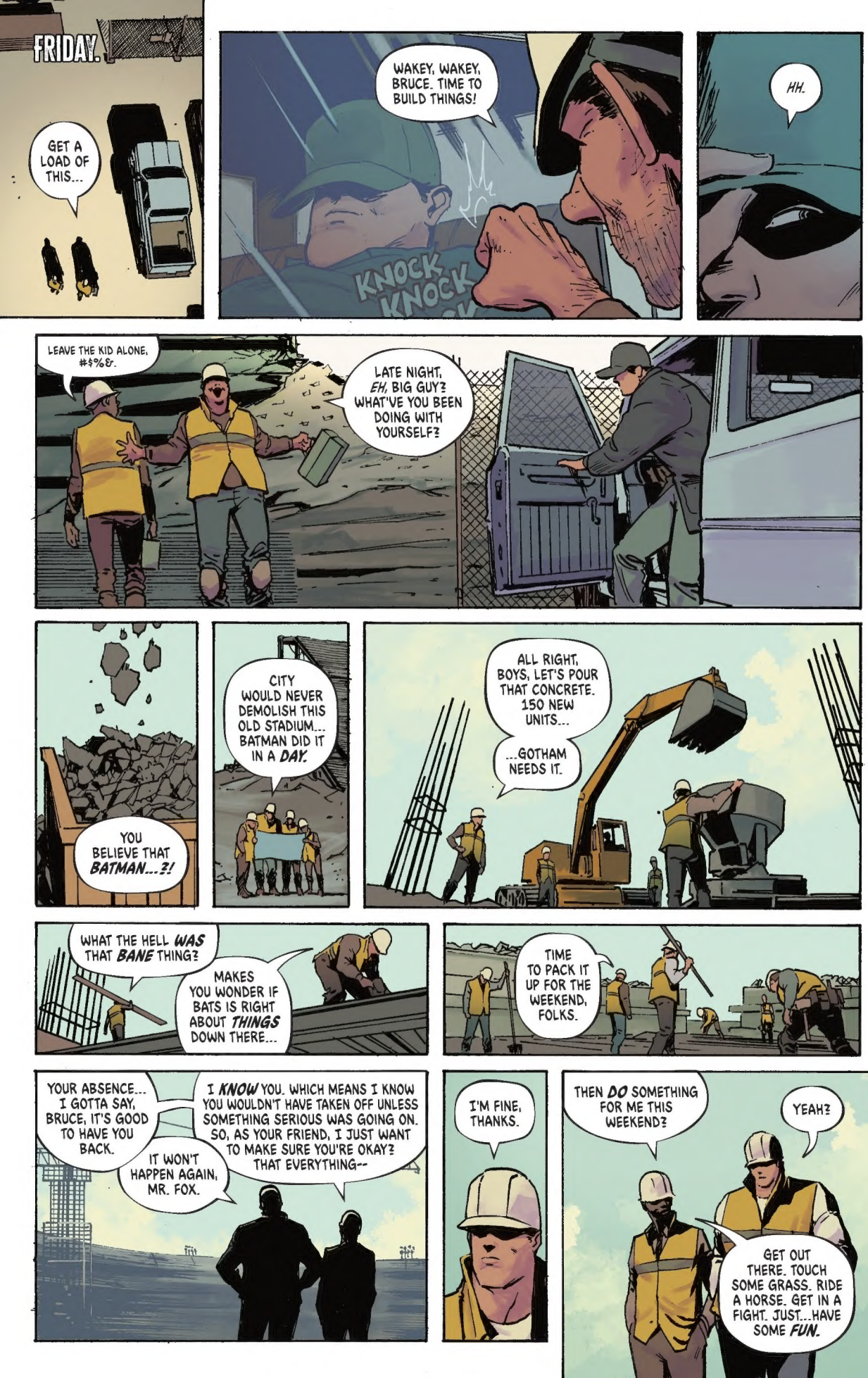
FRIDAY.
GET A LOAD OF THIS...
WAKEY, WAKEY, BRUCE. TIME TO BUILD THINGS!
KNOCK KNOCK
HH.
LEAVE THE KID ALONE, #$%&.
LATE NIGHT, EH, BIG GUY? WHAT'VE YOU BEEN DOING WITH YOURSELF?
YOU BELIEVE THAT BATMAN...?!
CITY WOULD NEVER DEMOLISH THIS OLD STADIUM... BATMAN DID IT IN A DAY.
ALL RIGHT, BOYS, LET'S POUR THAT CONCRETE. 150 NEW UNITS...
...GOTHAM NEEDS IT.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT BANE THING?
MAKES YOU WONDER IF BATS IS RIGHT ABOUT THINGS DOWN THERE...
TIME TO PACK IT UP FOR THE WEEKEND, FOLKS.
YOUR ABSENCE... I GOTTA SAY, BRUCE, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK.
I KNOW YOU. WHICH MEANS I KNOW YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN OFF UNLESS SOMETHING SERIOUS WAS GOING ON. SO, AS YOUR FRIEND, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE OKAY? THAT EVERYTHING--
IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, MR. FOX.
I'M FINE, THANKS.
THEN DO SOMETHING FOR ME THIS WEEKEND?
YEAH?
GET OUT THERE. TOUCH SOME GRASS. RIDE A HORSE. GET IN A FIGHT. JUST...HAVE SOME FUN.

GOTHAM PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.
HEY. I... BROUGHT SUBS. YOUR USUALS. DOUBLE STEAK FOR YOU, HARV, AND FOR OZ, THE BIRD SUPREME.
AW, THAT'S THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, BRUCE.
EXCEPT... OZ CAN'T EAT SOLIDS YET.
I'M... SORRY. I--
@#$& SANDWICHES.
AT LEAST SELINA LEFT US #$%& DOUGH BEFORE SHE TOOK OFF.
SEE, THERE'S A TRUE FRIEND. DID SHE LEAVE YOU ANYTHING, BRUCE? YOUR USUAL?
BROKEN HEART ON A ROLL?
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO FIGHT.

THEN WHY THE #%@& DID YOU COME HERE, BRUCE?
TO MAKE IT ALL BETTER? PATCH THINGS UP? REBUILD?
EVERYONE SEES ME, HARV, AND ED...AND THINKS WE'RE @#$% MONSTERS.
BUT YOU CHOSE THIS! YOU!
AND NOW YOU CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT US, CAN YOU?
CAN YOU?!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. YOU'RE REAL GOOD AT SAVING THE CITY. HOW ABOUT NEXT TIME YOU TRY SAVING ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS FOR A CHANGE?!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, GO.
WALK AWAY! BIG #$%& HERO.
YOU'RE NOT HIM!
HARSH, OZ.
HUARK...
NAH...
...HE DESERVED IT.

BAT OUT OF HELL

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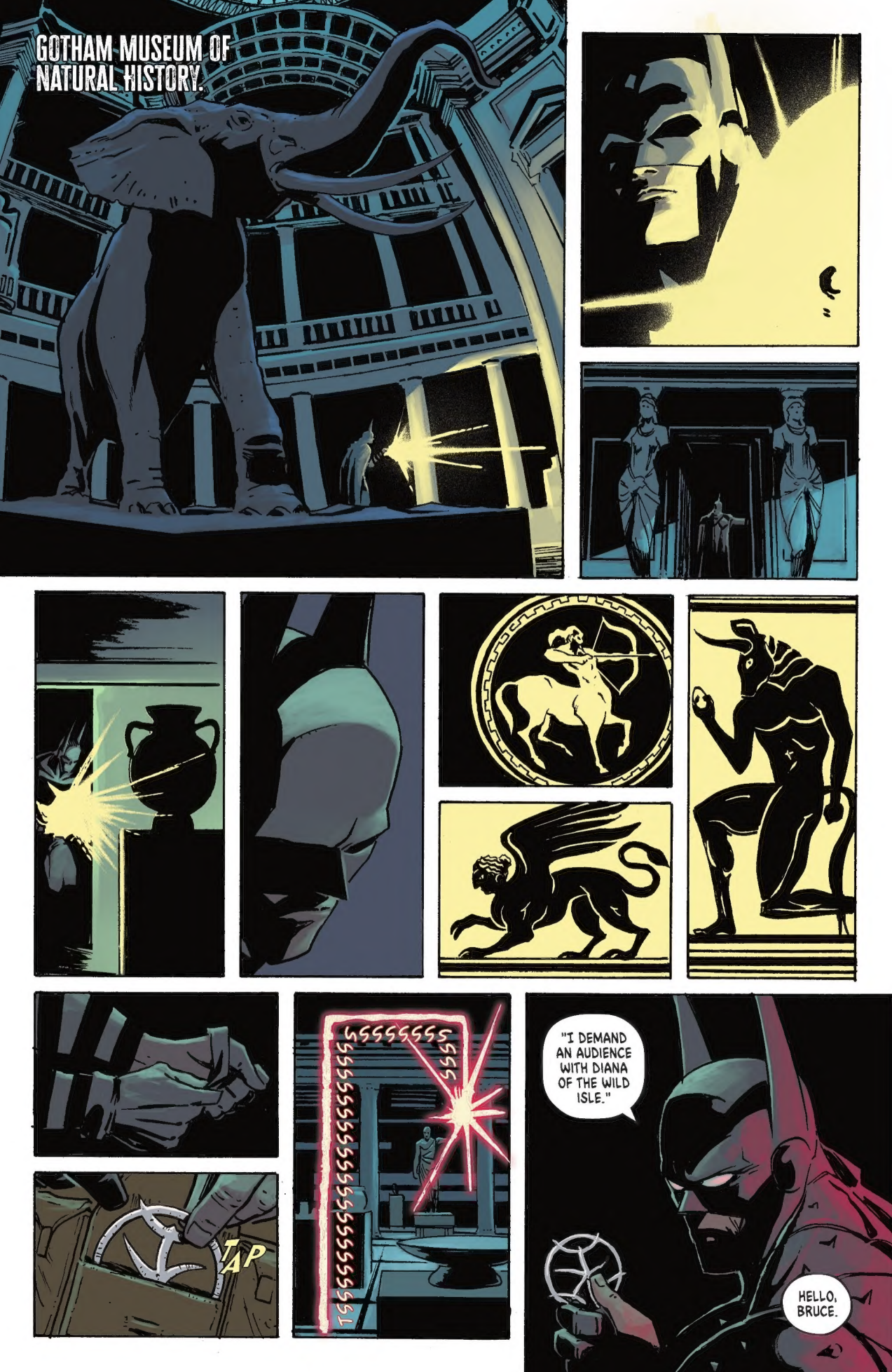
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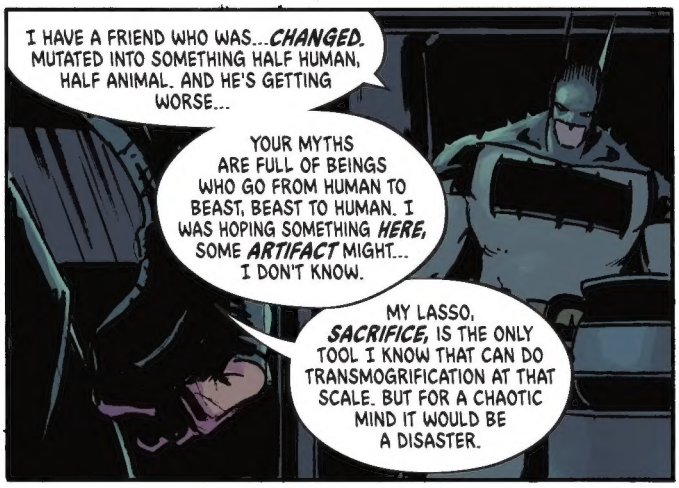


ACCEPT THIS BLOOD SACRIFICE OF DIANA OF THE WILD ISLE, DAUGHTER OF CIRCE, BELOVED OF GREAT AND TERRIBLE HECATE, GODDESS OF THE CROSSROADS...
VOSU!
SSSS

STEADY YOURSELF, BRUCE.
IS THIS... HADES?
NO. THIS IS A PLACE THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE SURFACE WORLD AND THE UNDERWORLD, BENEATH MY MOTHER'S ISLAND, AEAEA, WHERE THE VEIL BETWEEN REALMS IS THIN.
THE BEING WE SEEK TO CHALLENGE, AKROLIS, HE GUARDS A BRIDGE VERY FAR FROM HERE. LET'S BEGIN.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FLYING HORSE?

ANYTHING FLYING HERE IS A TARGET. WE'RE SAFER WALKING. BESIDES, PEGASUS IS STILL...WARY OF MORTALS, FINDING MOST OF THEM...UNWORTHY.
YOU'RE SAYING HE WOULDN'T LIKE ME?

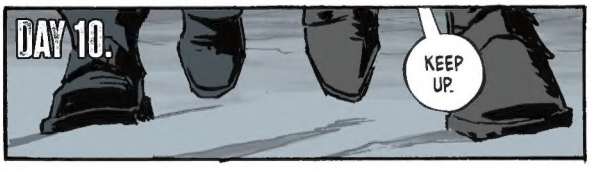
...
COME! WE WALK.

DAY 2.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE LIGHTNING, IT WILL KILL YOU.

DAY 3.
IF YOU LISTEN TO ITS SONG, IT WILL KILL YOU.

DAY 7.
IF YOU STUMBLE, THE SANDS WILL KILL YOU.


DAY 10.
KEEP UP.

DAY 11.
IS THAT--

A CYCLOPS? YES, IF YOU LOOK IN HIS EYE--
HE'LL KILL ME.
BOOM BOOM
NO. IT'S JUST IMPOLITE. WHY WOULD HE KILL YOU?

DAY 12.
ONWARD, BRUCE.

BEST TO CAMP BEFORE THE BLOOD WORMS WAKE.
I'LL MAKE A FIRE.
DAY 13.
LIKE ACTUAL "HELL"?
MY MOTHER ALWAYS MADE CERTAIN IT WAS ALSO A HOME.
DAY 14.
AND THEN?
THE NEXT THING I REMEMBER, POLICEMEN WERE YELLING MY NAME, PULLING THE BATS OFF ME.
NO CHILD SHOULD LOSE THEIR FATHER THAT WAY. I'M TRULY SORRY, BRUCE.
DAY 16.
WE'RE GETTING CLOSE.
WHO WAS HE?
A KING WHO DIED FIGHTING AKROLIS.
AND THE COINS?
PAYMENT FOR CHARON, THE FERRYMAN, TO BUY PASSAGE TO ELYSIUM, WHERE FALLEN HEROES DWELL.
HEROES? HE LOST.
APPARENTLY. HIS PEOPLE LOVED HIM. THEY MUST HAVE MADE THIS TRIBUTE.
THE COINS. DO THEY REALLY GIVE PEOPLE "PASSAGE"?
SOME SAY THEY DO NOTHING. OTHERS THAT THEY GRANT CROSSING. STILL OTHERS THAT THEY SERVE AS A DREAM BRIDGE, OFFERING VISIONS. BUT NO MATTER...
...WE'VE ARRIVED. AKROLIS GUARDS THAT BRIDGE, THERE.
TONIGHT WE'LL CAMP HERE. TOMORROW WE FIGHT.

SATURDAY.
"IT'S NOT THAT HEAVY," HE SAYS.
SURE *UNH!*... IF YOU'RE 24 YEARS OLD AND *NNH!*... BUILT LIKE A BRICK--
MMMM... MMMEEAT.
YES, MEAT! IN THE TROLLEY!
MEAT!
OVER THERE, MAN! NOT ME! I'M JUST BONES! *THERE!*
DON'T YOU EAT ME!
RAHHH!
BLOODY HELL.
CRUNCH SLORP

AKROLIS IS MORE THAN A CENTAUR. HE'S A LORD OF TRANSFORMATION. HIS BOW "MAKES TWO LEGS INTO FOUR...AND FOUR INTO TWO." THE LAND HE GUARDS IS FULL OF BEINGS HE HAS CHANGED.
BRUCE?
I'M SORRY. IT'S JUST...FIRST, MONSTERS UNDER GOTHAM. THEN THE THUMB DRIVE YOU GAVE ME. ALIENS, GODS... NOW THIS PLACE.
I UNDERSTAND. YOUR WORLD IS NEW AND STRANGE TO ME. HERE.
WHAT IS IT?
IT WILL PROTECT YOU, NOT AGAINST INJURY OR DEATH, BUT AT LEAST AGAINST AKROLIS'S MAGIC.
DIANA...YOU THINK I CAN DO THIS. HELP MY FRIEND.
EVERYTHING YOU NEED LIES INSIDE YOU.
DRINK.
NOW SLEEP.
KALINÝCHTA, BRUCE.
MMMM...

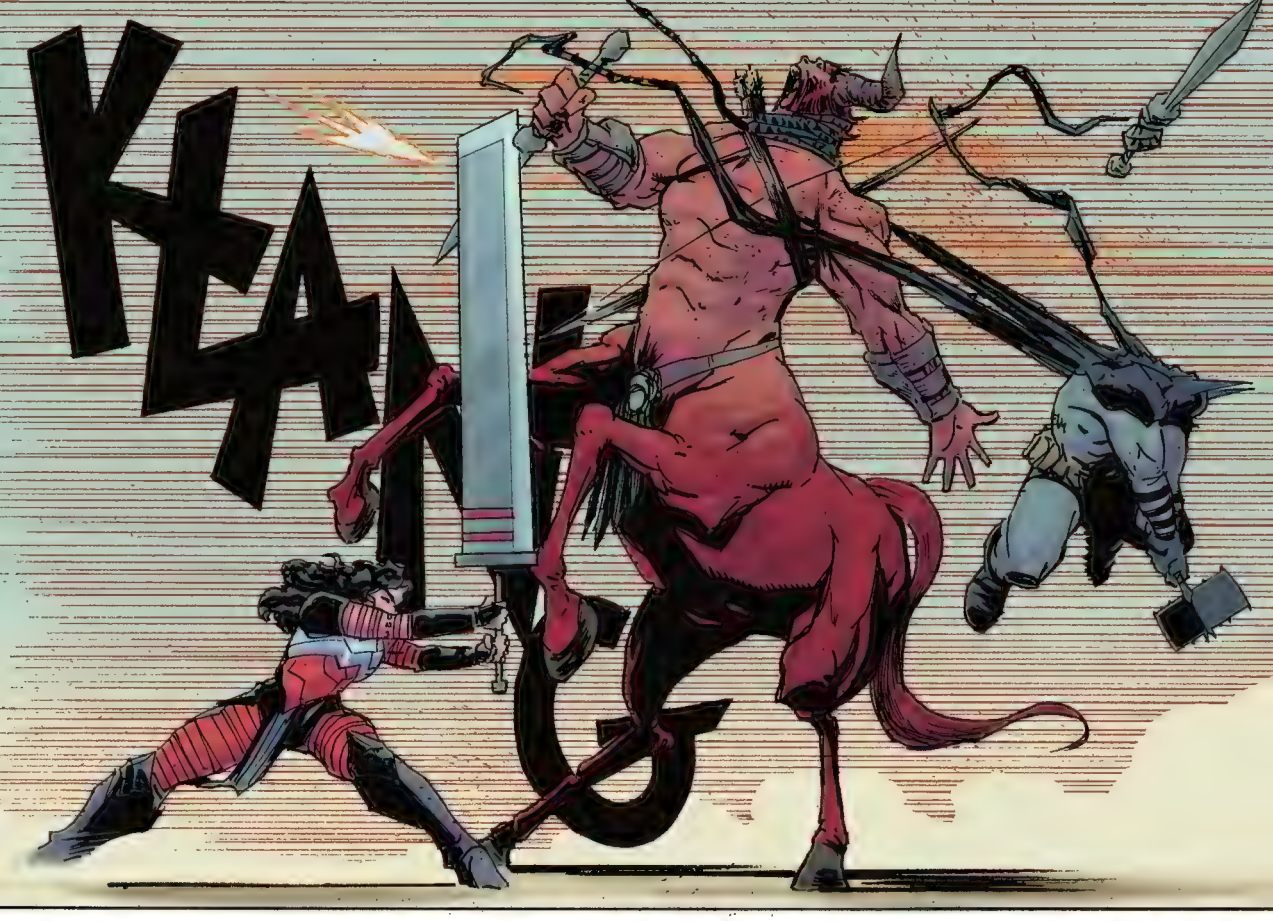
WHAT THE...
...DAD?

HEY, KIDDO.

WALK WITH ME.
OKAY.
SO WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?
IT'S JUST...YOU'RE A HERO, DAD. THAT *DAY* AT THE ZOO...YOU *SAVED* US. ME, OZZIE, WAYLON...ALL OF US.
ME...I'M *TRYING* BUT I JUST KEEP *HURTING* EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT.
THIS MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE, BUT I DON'T THINK OF WHAT I DID THAT DAY AT THE ZOO AS SAVING YOU.
YOU DON'T?
NO. FOR ME, "SAVING YOU" WAS WHAT I DID EVERY DAY BEFORE THAT ONE. TEACHING, BEING YOUR DAD.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
YOU'RE AN ENGINEER, BRUCE. YOU KNOW BUILDING ISN'T ABOUT ANY ONE RIBBON-CUTTING. IT'S THE *COMMITMENT* TO MAKING THE CITY BETTER. VISUALIZING WHAT COULD BE, AND WORKING EVERY DAY TO MAKE IT SO, LITTLE BY LITTLE, EVEN IN THOSE MOMENTS IT SEEMS OUT OF REACH. *ESPECIALLY* IN THOSE MOMENTS. SO GET OUT THERE AND BUILD.
I... I REALLY MISS YOU, DAD.

...
DIANA. I HAD A--
SORRY, BRUCE. IT'S TIME...
...GET READY.
AND THE ARTIFACT WE NEED?
I CAN HELP YOU IN THE FIGHT, BUT IT MUST BE GIVEN TO YOU...
...WHEN YOU BEST HIM.
AKROLIS!
AKROLIS! COME OUT AND FACE US!
WELL, WELL...
DIANA OF THE AMAZONS. DAUGHTER OF CIRCE, WHO, THOUGH GIFTED WITH POWERS OF TRANSFORMATION LIKE MYSELF, IS TOO GOOD TO CONSORT WITH US LOWLY BEINGS DOWN HERE.
WHAT DIVINE JOY I SHALL TAKE IN FELLING YOU...
...AND YOUR MORTAL MATE!

WE'RE NOT TOGETHER!


KLANK

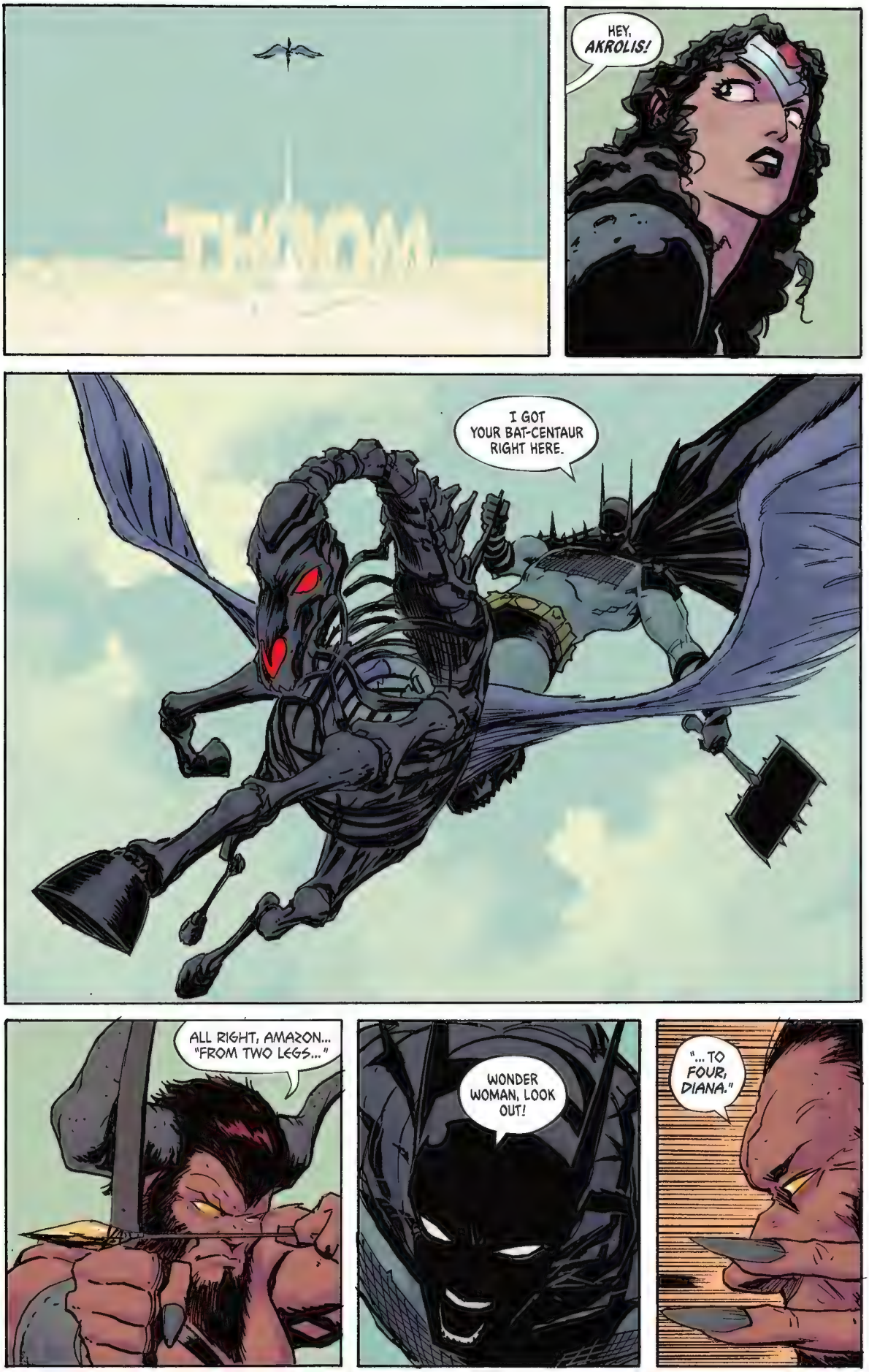
KLANG
NOW!

BOOM

BRUCE.
NEVER STAND BEHIND A CENTAUR!

WHA...

SHAME. I ADMIT, HE HAD A WARRIOR'S HEART.
PEGASUS?!
GODSPEED, MY FRIEND.
HE MIGHT HAVE MADE A FINE CENTAUR. PERHAPS A BAT-CENTAUR FOR MY STABLE. HEH.


HEY, AKROLIS!
I GOT YOUR BAT-CENTAUR RIGHT HERE.
ALL RIGHT, AMAZON... "FROM TWO LEGS..."
WONDER WOMAN, LOOK OUT!
"... TO FOUR, DIANA."

THUNK

INSOLENT...

YOU WERE RIGHT, AKROLIS. MY MOTHER *IS* A MASTER OF TRANSFORMATION.

BUT SO AM I.
WATCH CLOSELY AS I TRANSFORM...
KRAK
...YOUR FACE!
THUNK
UNNNHH.
BRUCE!

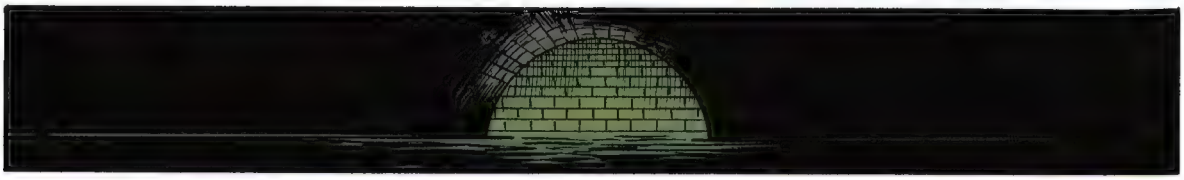
DIANA, I...
...I FAILED HIM. I COULDN'T... THE ARTIFACT...
SHHH. HOLD STILL.
AGH!
YOU'VE NOT FAILED, BRUCE. REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU.
NOW LET'S GET YOU HOME.
NO. NOT YET...
I HAVEN'T... GOTTEN... TO SAY...
GOODBYE.

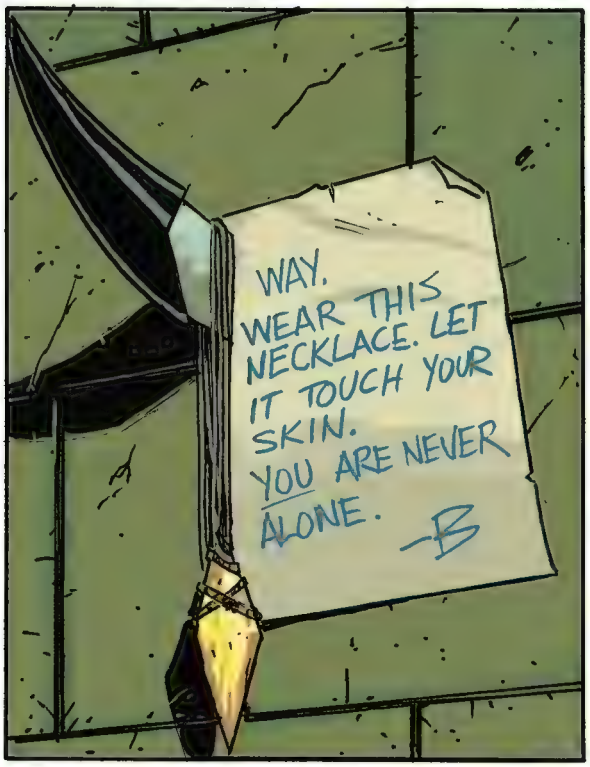
SUNDAY.
BEEP! BEEP! BE
5:00
NO!
NO...
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
...REMEMBER. WHAT DID SHE--
EVERYTHING YOU NEED LIES INSIDE YOU.
UNH!
"...TURN TWO LEGS INTO FOUR...
"...AND FOUR INTO TWO"?
THE ARTIFACT.

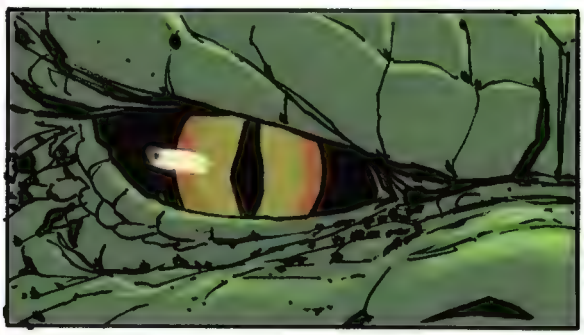
MONDAY
MORNING, BR--

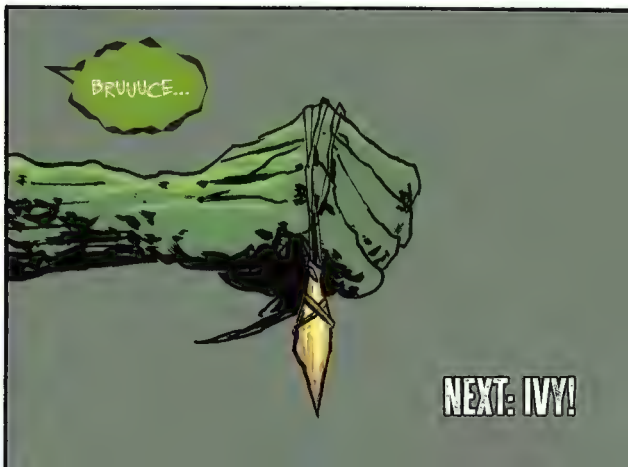
YOUR ARM. WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO?
I WAS JUST FOLLOWING YOUR ADVICE, MR. FOX. TOUCHED SOME GRASS. RODE A HORSE. GOT IN A FIGHT...

BUT--
JUST KIDDING. I SLIPPED IN THE SHOWER. COME ON. TIME TO BUILD THINGS.




WAY. WEAR THIS NECKLACE. LET IT TOUCH YOUR SKIN. YOU ARE NEVER ALONE. -B




BRUUUCE...
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YOU MUST BE MERCEDES. WE'RE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, CHAMP. NOT A DELIVERY SERVICE.
AREN'T YOU? THAT BELT BELONGS WITH ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER.
NICE TRY, LADY. YOU DIDN'T WIN CLEAN. I CLOCKED THOSE RADON KNUCKLES!
LAST I CHECKED, I'M STILL THE W.A.M. INTERGALACTIC CHAMPION.
SHE'S RIGHT, IN A WAY. THIS WAS A SUPERCARD, BRUV. AEW HOSTED W.A.M....
...SO, YEAH, BIT OF A DOG'S BREAKFAST BUT IT'S UP TO US TO SORT IT.
UNSTABLE. SPACE-TIME. SOUNDS LIKE A SCAVENGER HUNT...WE'RE IN.
PLEASE, OSPREAY. THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HAS POWERS--WE'RE HUMAN!
THAT'S NO EXCUSE.
WELL SAID, MR. ALLIN. WE'LL PAIR WITH YOUR ROSTER FOR THE RECOVERY.
THE WATCHTOWER CAN TRACK THE ELEMENT X SHARDS AND TELEPORT THEM TO SAFETY ONCE FOUND. THEN...WE REFORGE.
IF EACH SHARD ALTERS REALITY...
...WHOEVER'S GOT THEM WON'T GIVE UP EASILY. LET'S GET TO WORK.
LET THE HUNT BEGIN, FOLKS! MY BUDDY SKEPTA MAKES A HELL OF A MONITOR!

DC × AEW

"...WE'LL FOLLOW THE ACTION, WHEREVER IT GOES! TAKE IT, EXCALIBUR!"
"THANKS, BOOSTER! FIRST, IT'S WILL OSPREAY AND THE ACROBATIC ACE--NIGHTWING!
"THE TWO DAREDEVILS COLLIDE WITH THE LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS, AND AN X SHARD IS ON THE LINE!
"THE BILLY GOAT AND BLÜDHAVEN'S BEST LEAP INTO THE FRAY...
"...TO STOP THE DEADLY SECRET SOCIETY FROM KICKING OFF A SERIES OF CROSS-TIME KILLINGS!
"NIGHTWING'S STUNNED BY OSPREAY'S GRACE, BUT HE'S NOT SOLD ON HIS BRUTALITY.
"OSPREAY RIPS HIS X SHARD FREE, BUT THIS FIGHT DOESN'T END WITH A THREE COUNT!
"CAN THE AERIAL ASSASSIN AND NIGHTWING MAKE IT OUT ALIVE..."
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Readers came to know Vertigo as more than a publishing initiative, but as a sensibility and aesthetic. Comics that were bizarre and beautiful, transgressive and terrifying, poignant and passionate—*those* were Vertigo comics, and their success reshaped the comics industry itself along the way.

It's with that spirit that we bring you the DC Vertigo of today. The imprint first returned last fall by adopting the current series that truly embodies its ethos—*The Nice House by the Sea* by James Tynion IV and Álvaro Martínez Bueno—and it now expands with a slate of all-new series from bold and imaginative voices, starting in February of 2026 with *Bleeding Hearts* by Deniz Camp and Stipan Morian, *End of Life* by Kyle Starks and Steve Pugh, and *The Peril of the Brutal Dark: An Ezra Cain Mystery* by Chris Condon and Jacob Phillips.

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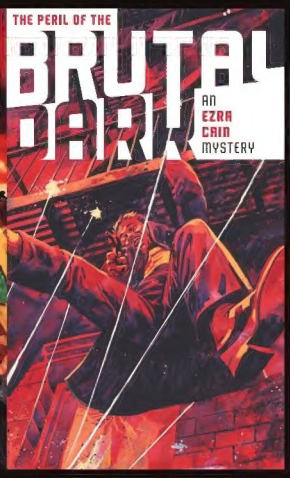

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